

NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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TO:	All Public and Private Schools Participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools	ISSUE DATE: December 1999
FROM:	Nutrition Standards Unit	
ATTENTION:	Food Service Directors	
SUBJECT:	Updated List of Exemptions to Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value	
REFERENCES:	Supersedes all previous Management Bulletins listing exemptions from the foods of minimal nutritional value (98-818, 98-810, 97-122, 97-112, 95-121, 95- 001 and, 94-116)	

This Management Bulletin transmits information received from the United States Department of Agriculture on recent changes in the list of exemptions under the competitive foods regulation. International Home Foods, Inc. has been added to the list of beverages that are exempt from the jellies and gums category of "foods of minimal nutritional value" as defined in 7 CFR Part 210.11(a)(2) and Part 220.2(i-l).

The exemption for "Grist Mill Curious George Fruit Snack" for International Home Foods, Inc. means that these products are no longer considered foods of minimal nutritional value. The products may now be sold during the meal period in a school food service area. The exemption does not mean that these products are approved or endorsed by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), nor does it indicate that these products have significant nutritional value. The exemption should not be perceived as guidance or encouragement to school food authorities concerning their possible purchase.

Attached is the list of all foods currently exempted under the federal competitive foods regulations. The exemption of one product does not mean that similar products, or a "family" of products provided by the same company, are exempted unless specifically stated in an exemption letter. The ingredient statement of each exempted food is included in the attached list to assist you in differentiating between exempted products and products similar to the exempted products.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Cindy Schneider, Child Nutrition Consultant, Nutrition Standards Unit, at (916) 322-1566, cschneid@cde.ca.gov, or (800) 952-5609.

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